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SUBJECT:REQUEST FROM HOUSE SELECT COMMITTEE ON ASSASSINA-  
TIONS TO MEET WITH BRITISH POLICE AUTHORITIES

RE: LONDON 20003

ASSISTANT SECRETARY BENNET HAS RECEIVED THE FOLLOWING LET-  
TER FROM G. ROBERT BLAKEY, CHIEF COUNSEL AND DIRECTOR, SE-  
LECT COMMITTEE ON ASSASSINATIONS: QUOTE: "DEAR MR. SECRE-  
TARY:

MANY THANKS FOR YOUR LETTER OF DECEMBER 9, 1977 ENCLOSING A  
TELEGRAM FROM AMBASSADOR BREWSTER.

AS YOU KNOW, THE LIFE OF THE SELECT COMMITTEE IS LIMITED TO  
THE LIFE OF THE 95TH CONGRESS. IT IS THEREFORE IMPERATIVE  
THAT REPRESENTATIVES OF THE SELECT COMMITTEE BE ALLOWED TO  
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MEET,AT THE EARLIEST POSSIBLE MOMENT, WITH RESPONSIBLE MEM-  
BERS OF NEW SCOTLAND YARD WHO ARE KNOWLEDGEABLE ABOUT ITS  
PARTICIPATION IN THE INVESTIGATION INTO THE DEATH OF DR.  
MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR., THE RESULTING CAPTURE OF JAMES  
EARL RAY IN LONDON ON JUNE 8, 1968 AND ANY FURTHER INVESTI-  
GATION FOLLOWING HIS CAPTURE. WE WILL BE HAPPY TO MEET WITH

THOSE REPRESENTATIVES IN GREAT BRITAIN TO PROVIDE ANSWERS  
TO THE QUESTIONS RAISED BY AMBASSADOR BREWSTER'S TELEGRAM.

AGAIN, WE EMPHASIZE THAT TIME IS OF THE ESSENCE AND WOULD  
APPRECIATE YOUR ARRANGING FOR SUCH A MEETING AS SOON AS  
POSSIBLE. VERY TRULY YOURS, G. ROBERT BLAKEY." END QUOTE.

CAN EMBASSY ASCERTAIN WHETHER THE BRITISH AUTHORITIES WILL  
PERMIT AN INTERVIEW BETWEEN MEMBERS OF THE STAFF OF THE  
SELECT COMMITTEE AND APPROPRIATE OFFICIALS WHO PARTICIPATED  
IN THE INVESTIGATION MENTIONED IN BLAKEY'S LETTER AND  
ADVISE US. VANCE

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